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Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/21100 of 24 January 1990, S/21100/Add.2 of 2 February 1990, S/21100/Add.5 of 16 February 1990, S/21100/Add.21 of 7 June 1990, S/21100/Add.30 of 10 August 1990 and S/21100/Add.37 of 26 October 1990.

During the week ending 22 December 1990, the Security Council took action on the following items:

The situation in the occupied Arab territories (see S/11935/Add.18, S/11935/Add.19, S/11935/Add.20, S/11935/Add.21, S/11935/Add.44, S/11935/Add.45, S/13033/Add.9, S/13033/Add.10, S/13033/Add.11, S/13033/Add.28, S/13737/Add.7, S/13737/Add.8, S/13737/Add.18, S/13737/Add.20, S/13737/Add.22, S/13737/Add.50, S/14326/Add.50, S/14840/Add.1, S/14840/Add.2, S/14840/Add.3, S/14840/Add.4, S/14840/Add.12, S/14840/Add.13, S/14840/Add.15, S/14840/Add.16, S/14840/Add.45, S/15560/Add.6, S/15560/Add.7, S/15560/Add.20, S/15560/Add.30, S/15560/Add.31, S/16880/Add.36, S/17725/Add.3, S/17725/Add.4, S/17725/Add.48, S/17725/Add.49, S/18570/Add.49, S/18570/Add.50, S/18570/Add.51, S/19420/Add.1, S/19420/Add.2, S/19420/Add.4, S/19420/Add.5, S/19420/Add.13, S/19420/Add.15, S/20370/Add.5, S/20370/Add.6, S/20370/Add.22, S/20370/Add.26, S/20370/Add.34, S/20370/Add.44, S/21100/Add.10, S/21100/Add.12, S/21100/Add.17, S/21100/Add.20, S/21100/Add.21, S/21100/Add.39, S/21100/Add.40, S/21100/Add.42, S/21100/Add.44, S/21100/Add.45, S/21100/Add.48 and S/21100/Add.49)

The Security Council continued its consideration of the item at its 2970th meeting, which was held on 19 December 1990 and was resumed on 20 December 1990.

At the first part of the 2970th meeting, on 19 December 1990, the Security Council adopted, by a vote of 9 votes in favour, to 6 against (China, Colombia, Cuba, France, Malaysia and Yemen), with no abstentions, a motion made by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, pursuant to rule 33.1 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to suspend the meeting.

At the resumed 2970th meeting, on 20 December 1990, the President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/22022), which had been prepared in the course of the Security Council's consultations.

The President of the Security Council stated that he had been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council (S/22027*):

> The members of the Security Council reaffirm their determination to support an active negotiating process in which all relevant parties would participate leading to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace to the Arab-Israeli conflict through negotiations which should be based on resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) of the Security Council and which should take into account the right to security of all States in the region, including Israel, and the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people.
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> In this context they agree that an international conference, at an appropriate time, properly structured, should facilitate efforts to achieve a negotiated settlement and lasting peace in the Arab-Israeli conflict.
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> However, the members of the Council are of the view that there is not unanimity as to when would be the appropriate time for such a conference.
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> In the view of the members of the Council, the Arab-Israeli conflict is important and unique and must be addressed independently, on its own merits.

The Security Council then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/22022) and adopted it unanimously as resolution 681 (1990).

Resolution 681 (1990) reads as follows:

> The Security Council,
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> Reaffirming the obligations of Member States under the Charter of the United Nations,
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> Reaffirming also the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war set forth in Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967,
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> Having received the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with Security Council resolution 672 (1990) of 12 October 1990 on ways and means of ensuring the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation, 1/ and taking note in particular of paragraphs 20 to 26 thereof,

Taking note of the interest of the Secretary-General to visit and send his envoy to pursue his initiative with the Israeli authorities, as indicated in paragraph 22 of his report, and of their recent invitation extended to him,

Gravely concerned at the dangerous deterioration of the situation in all the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and at the violence and rising tension in Israel,

Taking into consideration the statement made by the President of the Security Council on 20 December 1990 2/ concerning the method and approach for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Arab-Israeli conflict,

Recalling its resolutions 607 (1988) of 5 January 1988, 608 (1988) of 14 January 1988, 636 (1989) of 6 July 1989 and 641 (1989) of 30 August 1989, and alarmed by the decision of the Government of Israel to deport four Palestinians from the occupied territories in contravention of its obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention, of 1949, 3/

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report;

2. Expresses its grave concern over the rejection by Israel of Security Council resolutions 672 (1990) of 12 October 1990 and 673 (1990) of 24 October 1990;

3. Deplores the decision by the Government of Israel, the occupying Power, to resume the deportation of Palestinian civilians in the occupied territories;

4. Urges the Government of Israel to accept the de jure applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention, of 1949, to all the territories occupied by Israel since 1967 and to abide scrupulously by the provisions of the said Convention;

5. Calls upon the high contracting parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention, of 1949, to ensure respect by Israel, the occupying Power, for its obligations under the Convention in accordance with article 1 thereof;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, to develop further the idea expressed in his report of convening a meeting of the high contracting parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention and to discuss possible measures that might be taken by them under the Convention and for this purpose to invite the parties to submit their views on how the idea could contribute to the goals of the Convention, as well as on other relevant matters, and to report thereon to the Council;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to monitor and observe the situation regarding Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation, making new efforts in this regard on an urgent basis, and to utilize and designate or

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draw upon the United Nations and other personnel and resources present there, in the area and elsewhere, needed to accomplish this task and to keep the Security Council regularly informed;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a first progress report to the Security Council by the first week of March 1991 and every four months thereafter, and decides to remain seized of the matter as necessary.

1/ S/21919.

2/ S/22027.

3/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

The situation in Cyprus (see S/11185/Add.28, S/11185/Add.29, S/11185/Add.32, S/11185/Add.34, S/11185/Add.49, S/11593/Add.7, S/11593/Add.8, S/11593/Add.9, S/11593/Add.10, S/11593/Add.23, S/11593/Add.24, S/11593/Add.49, S/11935/Add.23, S/11935/Add.24, S/11935/Add.50, S/12269/Add.24, S/12269/Add.35, S/12269/Add.36, S/12269/Add.37, S/12269/Add.50, S/12520/Add.23, S/12520/Add.45, S/12520/Add.47, S/12520/Add.49, S/13033/Add.23, S/13033/Add.49, S/13737/Add.23, S/13737/Add.49, S/14326/Add.22, S/14326/Add.50, S/14840/Add.24, S/14840/Add.50, S/15560/Add.24, S/15560/Add.46, S/15560/Add.50, S/16270/Add.17, S/16270/Add.18, S/16270/Add.23, S/16270/Add.49, S/16880/Add.23, S/16880/Add.37, S/16880/Add.49, S/17725/Add.23, S/17725/Add.49, S/18570/Add.23, S/18570/Add.50, S/19420/Add.24, S/19420/Add.50, S/20370/Add.22, S/20370/Add.49, S/21100/Add.10, S/21100/Add.23, S/21100/Add.28 and S/21100/Add.49)

In a letter dated 12 December 1990 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21996), the Permanent Representatives of Australia, Austria, Denmark, Ireland and Sweden to the United Nations stated that, as troop contributors to the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), they wished to convey once again their grave concern at the continuing massive shortfall in the voluntary contributions required to provide the Force with adequate funding, and that in the absence of adequate voluntary contributions to UNFICYP, they believed that there could be no alternative to the provision of funding through assessed contributions by all Member States.

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2971st meeting, on 21 December 1990, on the basis of the above letter from Australia, Austria, Denmark, Ireland and Sweden, having also before it the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus for the period 1 June 1990 to 30 November 1990 (S/21981 and Add.1), as well as the report of the secretariat review team on the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus that was sent by the Secretary-General to Cyprus in November 1990 (S/21982).

The President drew attention to the text of a revised draft resolution provisionally circulated in document S/21988/Rev.2, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations, and which, he stated, had been agreed upon by the members of the Council and was being submitted by the President, with oral amendments to the English text for incorporation in all the language versions of that revised draft resolution as follows: In the first line of operative paragraph 1, the phrase "the costs and problems of financing" should be replaced by "the problem of the costs and financing". In the fourth line of the same paragraph, the phrase "in all its aspects" should be inserted immediately after the reference to document S/21982.

The Security Council then proceeded to vote on the text of the draft resolution as orally amended at the meeting (S/21988/Rev.2) and adopted it unanimously as resolution 682 (1990).

Resolution 682 (1990) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 establishing the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for an initial period of three months,

Also recalling its subsequent resolutions extending the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, most recently its resolution 680 (1990) of 14 December 1990,

Reaffirming the statement of the President of the Security Council of 30 May 1990, 1/ in which the members emphasized that United Nations peace-keeping operations must be launched and maintained on a sound and secure financial basis,

Concerned about the chronic and ever-deepening financial crisis facing the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, as described in the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and as expressed in the statement of the President of the Security Council of 15 June 1990, 3/

1. Decides to examine the problem of the costs and financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, bearing in mind the financial crisis facing the Force and the report of the United Nations Secretariat Review Team of 7 December 1990 4/ in all its aspects, and to report by 1 June 1991 on alternative arrangements for meeting the costs of the Force for which the United Nations is responsible, in order to place the Force on a sound and secure financial basis;

2. Also decides to consider, not later than early June 1991, comprehensively and favourably the results of the examination mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present resolution, with a view to putting into effect an alternative method of financing the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in

Cyprus, which could, inter alia, include the use of assessed contributions, simultaneously with the extension of the mandate on or before 15 June 1991.

1/ S/21323.

2/ S/21981 and Add.1.

3/ S/21361.

4/ S/21982.

Letter dated 7 December 1990 from the President of the Trusteeship Council addressed to the President of the Security Council

In a letter dated 7 December 1990 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/22008), the President of the Trusteeship Council transmitted, on behalf of the members of the Trusteeship Council, the text of a draft resolution recommended by the Trusteeship Council for adoption by the Security Council on the status of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The Security Council met to consider the item at its 2972nd meeting, on 22 December 1990.

The representative of Cuba made a motion, pursuant to rule 33.3 of the Security Council's provisional rules of procedure, to adjourn the meeting and meet again at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 January 1991. The representative of the United States of America spoke to that motion. The Security Council voted on the proposal made by Cuba with the following result: the proposal received 2 votes in favour, to 9 against (Canada, China, Finland, France, Malaysia, Romania, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America), with 4 abstentions (Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Yemen and Zaire) and was not adopted.

The President, with the consent of the Security Council, invited the representative of New Zealand, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/22001) submitted by China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, which incorporated the text of the draft resolution recommended by the Trusteeship Council.

The Security Council then proceeded to vote on the text of the draft resolution (S/22001) and adopted it by 14 votes in favour, to 1 against (Cuba), with no abstentions, as resolution 683 (1990).

Resolution 683 (1990) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Recalling Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations which established an international trusteeship system,

Conscious of its responsibility relating to strategic areas as set forth in Article 83, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 21 (1947) of 2 April 1947, in which it approved the Trusteeship Agreement for the former Japanese Mandated Islands, since known as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

Noting that the Trusteeship Agreement designated the United States of America as Administering Authority of the Trust Territory,

Mindful that Article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement, in conformity with Article 76 of the Charter, obligated the Administering Authority, inter alia, to promote the development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the Trust Territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned,

Aware that, towards this end, negotiations between the Administering Authority and representatives of the Trust Territory began in 1969 and resulted in the conclusion of a Compact of Free Association in the case of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, and a Commonwealth Covenant in the case of the Northern Mariana Islands,

Satisfied that the peoples of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands have freely exercised their right to self-determination in approving their respective new status agreements in plebiscites observed by visiting missions of the Trusteeship Council and that, in addition to these plebiscites, the duly constituted legislatures of these entities have adopted resolutions approving the respective new status agreements, 1/ thereby freely expressing their wish to terminate the status of these entities as parts of the Trust Territory,

Hoping that the people of Palau will be able in due course to complete the process of freely exercising their right to self-determination,

Taking note of resolution 2183 (LIII) of the Trusteeship Council of 28 May 1986 and subsequent reports of the Trusteeship Council to the Security Council,

Determines, in the light of the entry into force of the new status agreements for the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands, that the objectives of the Trusteeship Agreement have been fully attained, and that the applicability of the Trusteeship Agreement has terminated, with respect to those entities.

1/ See resolution No. 4-60 of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia (26 March 1986); resolution No. 62 N.D.-2 of the Nitijela of the Marshall Islands (18 February 1986); and resolution No. 76-1975 of the Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature (20 February 1975).